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Mru language

Mru, also known as **Mrung** (Murung), is a Sino-Tibetan language and one of the recognized languages of Bangladesh. It is spoken by a community of Mros (Mrus) inhabiting the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh with a population of 22,000 according to the 1991 census, and in Burma. The Mros are the second-largest tribal group in Bandarban District of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. A small group of Mros also live in Rangamati Hill District.

The Mru language is considered "Severely endangered" by UNESCO.[4]

Mru	
Mrung	
Region	Bangladesh, Burma, India
Ethnicity	Mru
Native speakers	50,000 (1999–2007)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ Mruic[2] ▪ **Mru**
Writing system	Mru script, Latin script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`mro`
Glottolog	`mruu1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mruu1242)`[3]

Mru women harvesting rice

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Classification

Mru forms the Mruic language branch with Hkongso and Anu, which are spoken in Paletwa Township, Chin State, Myanmar. The position of Mruic with Sino-Tibetan is unclear.

Distribution

The Mros live in forest areas of Lama, Ruma, Alikaram, and Thanchi near Chimbuk Mountain of Bandarban District (Rashel 2009). They also live in Sittwe (Akiab), Rakhine State, Burma.

A group of Mrus foraging in the hills

Subdivisions

Ethnologue (22nd edition) lists 3 main dialects as Anok, Dowpreng (Dopreng), and Sungma (Tshungma), as well as the 2 minor dialects of Domrong and Rumma.

- Anok: largest and central
- Tshungma: in the north
- Domrong: in the lowlands north of the Matamuri
- Dopreng: in far south and into Arakan
- Rumma: in far south and into Arakan

There are five Mru dialects according to Ebersole (1996).

- Anawk
- Süngma
- Dopreng
- Tamsa
- Rengmitsa

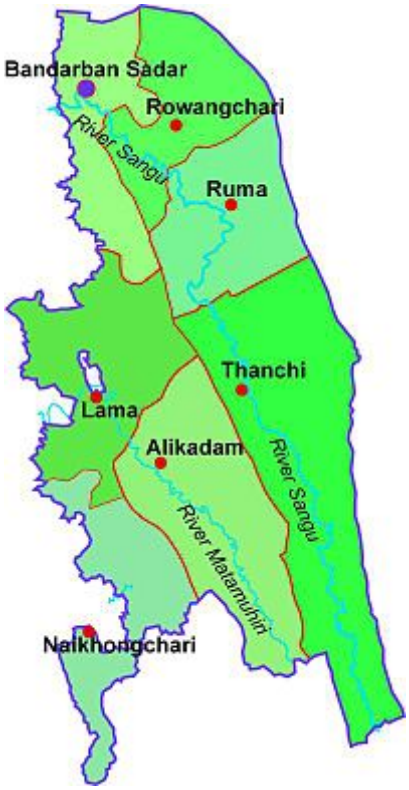
The Mru people and language are located in the lower right-hand corner of the map of Bangladesh

There are five major Mro clans (Rashel 2009).

- Dengua
- Premsang
- Kongloi
- Maizer
- Ganaroo Gnar

Rashel (2009) also lists another classification scheme which lists ten Mro clans.

- Yarua (subdivisions below)
  - Khatpo
  - Chimlung
  - Zongnow
- Sangkan
- Chawla
- Ngaringcha
- Tang
- Deng
- Kough
- Tam-tu-chah
- Kanbak
- Prenju
- Naichah
- Yomore



Map of Bandarban District

Grammar

Unlike the Kuki-Chin languages, Mru has SVO (subject-verb-object) word order (Ebersole 1996).

Numerals

Rashel (2009:159) lists the following Mro numerals.

1. lɔk
2. pre
3. ʃum
4. taːli
5. taŋa
6. trok
7. rinit
8. riyat
9. tako
10. h:muit

Script

The Mru script is an indigenous, messianic script: In the 1980s Menlay Murang (also known as Manley Mro) created the religion of Khrama (or Crama) and with it a new script for the Mru language.[5][6]

The script is written from left to right and has its own set of digits. It does not use tone marks.

The Mru language is written in both the Latin and Mru scripts.

Mru Mro, Krama[1]	
Type	alphabet
Languages	Mru
Direction	Left-to-right
ISO 15924	`Mroo, 264`
Unicode alias	Mro
Unicode range	U+16A40–U+16A6F (https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U16A40.pdf)

Unicode

The Mru alphabet was added to the Unicode Standard in June, 2014 with the release of version 7.0.

The Unicode block for the Mru script, called Mro, is U+16A40–U+16A6F:

Mro[1][2] Official Unicode Consortium code chart (https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U16A40.pdf) (PDF)																
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
U+16A4x	𖩀	𖩁	𖩂	𖩃	𖩄	𖩅	𖩆	𖩇	𖩈	𖩉	𖩊	𖩋	𖩌	𖩍	𖩎	𖩏
U+16A5x	𖩐	𖩑	𖩒	𖩓	𖩔	𖩕	𖩖	𖩗	𖩘	𖩙	𖩚	𖩛	𖩜	𖩝	𖩞	
U+16A6x	𖩠	𖩡	𖩢	𖩣	𖩤	𖩥	𖩦	𖩧	𖩨	𖩩					𖩮	𖩯

Notes

1. ^ As of Unicode version 13.0
2. ^ Grey areas indicate non-assigned code points

See also

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- https://keymanweb.com/?_ga=2.244017925.1829076129.1590300131-764973306.1590300131 Used to example for Mro keyboard font.

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